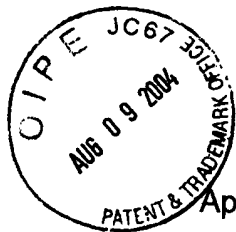


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the 15 July 2004 restriction requirement, applicant elects Invention I (claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10, 12-15, 17, 30, 32, and 35-39) for prosecution in this application.

The election is made without traverse.

In further response to the above-identified Restriction Requirement, applicant elects the specie of FIGS. 6-9 for prosecution in this application. This election is also made without traverse. Claims 1 (amended), 2, 3, 6, 12-14, 19 (amended), 22-25 as amended, 30-32, and 35-39 are readable on the elected specie.

The just-listed claims are considered clearly patentable over the references of record for the reasons discussed in the amendments dated 23

January 2003 and 23 June 2003. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue with those claims.

Signed at Shelton, County of Mason, State of Washington, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.

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